

Summary of DCPC workshop held by Mashpee Planning Board, October 25, 2004

The Mashpee Planning Board continued its work on the preparation of the nomination form for a District of Critical Planning Concern for the town of Mashpee at a televised workshop meeting held on Monday, October 25, 2004 at the Town Hall.

The Board had extended an invitation to James E. Tobin, the newly elected president of the Homebuilders' Association of Cape Cod to appear at the meeting. Following a discussion, board members expressed the importance of a full and clear understanding of the DCPC process. Mr. Tobin agreed and expressed an interest in "listening, learning, and hopefully contributing" to the process.

Board members then gave draft presentations on the topics which had been assigned to them. Steven Dolan on Affordable Housing, Lee Gurney on Land Use & Growth Management, John Halachis, Transportation, Dennis Balzarini on Wildlife, Wetlands and Plant Habitat, and Beverly Kane on Water Resources. A second draft on the determination of nominating the entire town of Mashpee was distributed to board members for their further review and input.

At the conclusion of the discussion on each of the 5 topics under consideration, the board agreed that at this point the number of topics would be reduced to 4: Transportation, Water Resources, Land Use & Growth Management, and Affordable Housing. The consensus of the board was that a separate category of Wildlife, Wetlands and Plant Habitat was not necessary because those issues could be addressed under Land Use & Growth Management. Members will now review and provide input on each other's draft presentations on the remaining 4 topics.

Jamie Regan, chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, realtor Joan Muse Morris, and architect Thomas J. O'Neill provided comments to the board throughout the meeting.

Following the 3-1/2 hour meeting, the board scheduled another workshop meeting for Monday, November 22, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. This meeting will also be televised.